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Working methods of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, pursuant to paragraph 13 of the report on its 2013 session[1] and as agreed at the meetings of the intersessional group of Friends of the Chair held on 6, 13 and 21 November 2013, and recalling the decision on working methods adopted at its 2012 session:[2]

(a) Decides:

(i) On standardization and stabilization:

a. That its 2012 decision to standardize sections of the report of the Special Committee that do not change from year to year (i.e. chap. V, sects. A-C) will be maintained;[3]

b. That an annual stabilization process will be held in advance of the annual session of the Special Committee, with a view to reducing further the number of topics to be negotiated in a given year;

(ii) On streamlining:

a. That its 2012 decision to encourage negotiating partners to streamline similar inputs to the draft report of the Special Committee will be maintained;[4]

b. That the draft compilation text of the report will be circulated by the Chair of the Working Group of the Whole as far in advance of the negotiating part of the annual session as possible, to ensure sufficient time for negotiating partners to streamline submissions;

[1] A/67/19.
[2] A/66/19, annex I.
[3] Ibid., para. (a) (i).
[4] Ibid., para. (a) (ii).

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(iii) On subworking groups:

a. That its 2012 decision to establish an upper limit of eight subworking groups will be maintained;[5]

b. Furthermore, that the Chair of the Working Group of the Whole will aim to establish the minimum number of subworking groups required each year, based on the text submitted by members of the Special Committee;

(iv) On format: to revert to the format used for the reports on the 2012 and previous sessions of the Special Committee;

(b) Also decides to keep its working methods under review, with a view to formulating further recommendations, as appropriate;

(c) Further decides that the present decision will be included as an annex to the report of the Special Committee on its 2014 session.

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[5] Ibid., para. (a) (iii).